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" INDEPENDXENT" PATH TO SOCIALISM

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1. THE DIFFERENCE OF VIEW AMONG COMMUNIST PARTIES REPRESENTED

AT THE BERLIN PARTY CONGRESS BETWEEN PROPONENTS (SOVIETS, EAST GERMANS, ETC). AND OPPONENTS (YUGOSLAVS AND ROMANINAS) OF PROLETARIAN INTENATIONALISM WAS AGAIN MADE EVIDENT ON THE THIRD DAY OF THE CONGRESS BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FRENCH AND ITALIAM COMMUNIST PARTIES. BOTH PAUL LAURENT (PCF) AND TULLIO VECCHIETTI (PCI) SPOKE STRONGLY OF THE NEED FOR THEIR PARTIES TO ADVANCE THEIR COUNTRIES ALONG THE ROAD TO SOCIALISM IN WAYS THAT TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES IN EACH COUNTRY. LAURENT EXPRESSED THIS IN SHORT FORM BY STATING THAT " SOCIALISM IN FRANCE MUST BE IN FRENCH COLORS"; VECCHIETTI SAID THAT PROGRESS IN ITALY MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE " SPICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF AN HISTORICAL, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL" NATUE PECULIAR TO HIS COUNTRY,. WHILE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND " SOLIDARITY" OF OTHER COMMUNIST PARTIES, BOTH SPEAKERS EMPHASIZED THEIR CONVICTION THAT EACH NATIONAL PARTY MUST BE ABLE TO PROCEED WITH ITS PLANS ON THE BASIS OF RESPECT FOR " FREEDOM AND NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE."

2. IN THIS CONTEXT, THE ITALIAN SPOKESMAN CAME ON MORE STRONGLY THAN THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE. VECCHIETTI DESCRIBED THE PROCESS CARRIED OUT BY " FREEDOM MOVEMENTS" AS SHOWING AN " EVER-INCREASING DIVERSITY OF THE WYAS TO SOCIALISM". HE SAID THAT THE PCI SEEKS TO BRING DEMOCRATIC AND SOCIALIST CHANGE IN ITALIAN SOCIETY " NOT ALONE, BUT WITH THE ACTIVE ASSISTANCE OF OTHE PARTIES, FORCES AND ORGANIZATIONS AND THROUGH COOPERATION WITH THEM, SO THAT THE WORKING CLASS CAN AND MUST CARRY OUT ITS HISTORICAL FUNCTION IN A PLURALISTIC AND DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM."

3. COMMENT: COMING THE DAY AFTER THE YUGOSLAV AND ROMANIAN ADDRESSES WHICH CARRIED SIMILAR PROTESTS AGAINST PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM, THE FRENCH AND ITALIAN PRESENTATISON MAY HAVE ADDED TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE FORTHCOMING SESSION OF THE ECPC DRAFTING COMMISSION WHICH, ACCORDING TO A LOCAL JOURNALISTIC SOURCE, IS SCHEDULED TO MEET IN BERLIN AGAIN ON JUNE 9. GROVE

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